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# HALE AHI NEWS

## HFD QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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### IMPORTANT DATES

- October 5 - 11, 2003  
Fire Prevention Week
- October 20, 2003  
87th Fire Fighter Recruit Class begins
- October 30, 2003, 11:00 am  
The 200 Club Awards Luncheon  
Royal Hawaiian Hotel, Monarch Room
- November 2003 (Various dates)  
Fire Operations November Skills Competition
- November 20 - 22, 2003  
Hawaii Fire Chiefs Association Conference  
Sheraton Waikiki Hotel
- December 12, 2003  
HFD Retirees Association Quarterly Meeting

## ARID CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTE TO HEAVY BRUSH FIRE SEASON

**D**rought-like conditions for the past five years have contributed to extremely dry vegetation on Oahu. This has resulted in a very busy brush fire season for the Honolulu Fire Department (HFD).

In 2000, HFD responded to 659 brush and grass fires. In 2001, there were 596 incidents and 599 in 2002. The Department has already responded to 849 brush fire incidents as of the end of September 2003. The breakdown by battalions is as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup> Bn.	- 66 incidents
2 <sup>nd</sup> Bn.	- 51 incidents
3 <sup>rd</sup> Bn.	- 74 incidents
4 <sup>th</sup> Bn.	- 476 incidents
5 <sup>th</sup> Bn.	- 182 incidents

Although the majority of the brush fires occur on the leeward and central areas of the island, the east side has experienced several large brush fires this year, with some of them threatening residences.

There have also been several multi-day incidents such as Makua, Yoko-hama, Waialua, and Wahiawa that have scorched up to 2,000 acres resulting in the destruction of native flora. These incidents have required a large amount of resources and at times have required the relocation of



Capt. Bobby Moss at Waipahu Intermediate Brush Fire

remaining units. These relocations have caused gaps in our coverage for the rest of the island.

The cause of ignition for the majority of these fires are malicious, suspicious, and accidental (careless discarding of smoking materials). Companies should use Fire Prevention Week and other community interactive opportunities to educate the public in brush fire prevention and the actions that they can take to protect their properties, such as maintaining a fuel break at least 30 feet wide around structures.

**BRUSH FIRES TOUCH EVERYONE!**





**PRIDE, SERVICE,  
DEDICATION**

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### **Mission Statement**

The mission of the Honolulu Fire Department is to respond to fires, emergency medical incidents, hazardous materials incidents, and rescues on land and sea to save lives, property, and the environment. We accomplish this mission by:

- Promoting safety and maintaining a well equipped, highly trained, and motivated force of professional fire fighters and rescue personnel.
- Promoting fire prevention and other public safety education programs.

### **Vision Statement**

The Honolulu Fire Department will continuously strive to meet the changing needs of our community by providing a modern and technologically advanced department. We will do this by maintaining a high level of readiness and by focusing on the professional development and training of all our personnel.

## **FROM THE FIRE CHIEF ...**

I hope that all of you who participated in the Honolulu Fire Department's 4<sup>th</sup> annual Family Fun Day at the Hawaiian Waters Adventure Park on September 7, 2003, thoroughly enjoyed yourselves. We had a great turnout with over 1,600 members, ohana, and friends. I want to thank Sheryl Nakama, from the Fire Communication Center, for taking on the task of coordinating this event.

We just recently observed the second anniversary of the September 11, 2001, terrorist



attack. It seems like just yesterday that we woke to the tragic news and watched in disbelief as the events unfolded before us. Since then, our responsibilities as first responders have changed in many ways. We are better prepared and trained to respond to a terrorist attack. The Department received numerous grants to

purchase equipment and to schedule additional training for our personnel. We have seen an increase in multi-agency drills and exercises, which has enabled us to network with many agencies and experience firsthand each other's capabilities.

The fire service continues to step up to the plate when faced with challenges. Our community expects this from us, and I am proud to say that we have always met their demands with Pride, Service, and Dedication. Keep up the great work!

## **RETIREES' REALM**

### **HONOLULU FIRE DEPARTMENT'S RETIREES ASSOCIATION**

**Retirees Meeting Update:** The Honolulu Fire Department's Retirees Association's next two quarterly meetings are scheduled for December 12, 2003, and March 12, 2004, at the Training Center. All members and new retirees are welcome to attend the meetings to receive updated information and associate with your fellow fire fighters and their spouses. Annual dues are \$5.

**Retirees Luncheon:** The next retirees luncheon will be scheduled for the latter part of this year. More information is forthcoming. Come and join your fellow retirees to rekindle "old" friendships and find out the latest happenings.

**Employer-Union Trust Fund:** Attention all existing and potential retirees! The Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund (EUTF) has a booklet out entitled: "Pre-Retirement Benefit Information Booklet for State and County Employee." This booklet informs you on the "who," "what," "when," and "why" of Act 88 that established the EUTF during the 2001 Legislative Session. The act was codified in Chapter 87A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and governs the health plan for all county and state employees. Check out the EUTF website at [www.eutf.hawaii.gov](http://www.eutf.hawaii.gov) or call 586-7390 (Oahu) or toll free at (800) 295-0089 for more information.

**HFD Retirees Association Shirt:** There are only a few more Retirees Polo Shirts available for purchase. Prices are as follows: M and L - \$15; XL - \$16; and, XXL and XXXL - \$17. Contact Retired Fire Chief Donald Chang at (808) 487-8862 for more information.



## Policy and Procedure Manual Project

Captain Edward Hunter

The new HFD Policy and Procedures Manual is almost completed and should be ready for distribution in the first quarter of 2004. A hard copy of the new manual will be provided to each member and a read-only electronic copy will be available on the HFD Intranet. The new manual format is patterned after the *Guide to Developing Effective Standard Operating Procedures for Fire and EMS Departments* produced by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the United States Fire Administration.

The manual is designed around four main areas of Department activity -- Administrative Services, Planning and Development, Support Services, and Fire Operations, and will

maintain continuity with our organizational chart. It will identify chapter ownership and responsibility, is member/user friendly, and will fill a long-standing void.

Chapter 4, Fire Operations, has several appendixes, which will be individually bound under separate cover. The appendixes are called Standard Operating Guidelines (SOGs) and contain technical information on specific subjects such as Hazardous Materials. The SOGs are included in Chapter 4 because they provide specific information directly related to Fire Operations activities, such as emergency response protocols and equipment use, maintenance, and repair.

## 14th Annual Waikiki Papio Tournament

On August 5, 2003, the 14th Annual Waikiki Fire Station Papio Tournament was held under clear skies and excellent conditions in Kaneohe Bay. Assistant Chief Wayne Nojiri and Fire Captain Gerald Komine (E7/2) coordinated the event, which is held in the confines of Kaneohe Bay. The hub of the event takes place on the Sand Bar.



At 0900 hours, over 100 fire fighters and fisherman aboard more than 21 boats raised their anchors and dropped hooks with various types of bait. The weigh-in was at 1200 hours, and a trophy/monetary award presentation followed. After that, all-you-can-eat "ono" grinds prepared by retired Fire Fighter Norman "Lani Boy" Kauwe were consumed with gusto by the sunburned fishermen (aka firemen with poles). As usual, a great time was had by all, providing enough fishing tales to go around until next year.

### Results:

Largest Papio: 6 lb., 12 oz., caught by Station 18/2 (FFIII Raul Fallau, spiritual leader)

Total Weight: 7 lb., 1 oz., caught by Team Ewaliko (Barry), who nosed-out Team Komine by 1 oz.

Longest Fish: 42", caught by Team Kamano (Mike)



## Community Service Project

### ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL

The personnel of Battalion 1, 3rd Platoon participated in a community service project to assist Roosevelt High School in sprucing up their athletic complex facilities. Captain Wendell Soo of Engine 3/3 was instrumental in organizing the workforce. Fire fighters painted the school's concession stand and moved toilets, equipment, and heavy boxes of tile to different parts of the school. The painting of the goal posts and bleachers is an on-going project.

Mahalo for a job well done! Projects such as these build community equity, and demonstrate the willingness of Department personnel to improve the communities we serve and protect.



### EASTER SEALS FUNDRAISING GOLF

On July 14, 2003, the personnel of Battalion 2, 1st Platoon held a fund-raising golf tournament at the Hawaii Kai Executive Course. This 3-club tournament, coordinated by BC James Arciero, produced a \$1,000 check that was donated to Easter Seals on behalf of the Fire Fighters of Battalion 2 and the HFFA.

Golfers, workers, and attendees numbered over 140. Pupus, dinner, and refreshments were served at BC Arciero's Hawaii Kai home with live entertainment provided by BC Ed Simeona, FF3 James Reyes, and FF1 Ocean Kaowili. Retired FF1 "Lani Boy" Kauwe prepared the food.

Eighteen cash prizes for greenies and other donated items were awarded. The highlight of the tournament was a hole-in-one made by FF3 Nate Alamedia, E23/2, at the 15th hole.

**Quote of the day:** "No group has ever made as much noise on this golf course as your group has. I hope it was screams of joy!" Mr. Iwamoto, HK Golf Cart attendant





## RECIPE

### PLANTATION BREAD PUDDING

BC Clinton Wong  
1st Battalion, 3rd Platoon

- 5 eggs, beaten
- 2 blocks of butter, melted
- 2 cans of evaporated milk
- 2-1/2 cups of sugar
- 5 tsp. of vanilla extract
- 3 cups of water
- 1 loaf sandwich bread  
(Preferably day old)
- 9" x 12" pan  
(Spray with Pam)
- Preheat oven to 350  
degrees.

Combine the first six ingredients. Mix with a whisk.

Cut bread into cubes.  
Add to the liquid and mix.

Spread evenly into the pan and sprinkle with cinnamon.

Bake for 40-45 minutes.

Recipes are welcomed.

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# FIRE OPERATIONS

ASSISTANT CHIEF CHARLES WASSMAN

On August 5, 2003, the 86<sup>th</sup> Recruit Class Graduation Ceremony was held at the Pacific Beach Hotel. Friends and family members shared in the happy event and smiles were the order of the night. The Recruits' long ordeal was finally over as they transitioned to their assignments at the various fire stations.

Have you ever wondered why Recruits are so glad to leave basic training? Is it because of the four-days off or is it because of the "big bucks" they are about to make? Yes, although these are valid reasons for their excitement, they are shallow in comparison to becoming a person who makes a difference.

Many Recruits dream of their first fire or the opportunity to save a life - intangibles that add value to our jobs. In fact, fire fighters have the opportunity to make a difference for themselves, their families, and even complete strangers. Recently, Fire Fighter II Leroy Malterre and Fire Captains Douglas Ching and Guy Gora were in the right place at the right time. They were prepared, trained, and possessed the proper attitude in their attempt to save a life. These men are among the many personnel that performed extraordinary deeds during their off-duty time.

Recruits dream of making a difference in someone's life and as fire fighters, they will definitely have the opportunity to do that on a daily

basis. This is evident as we see the good deeds being done by our personnel both on and off duty. Being prepared and trained is the vehicle to making a difference and thus adds value to our jobs; it's not just the money or the great work schedule.

Congratulations and good luck to the Recruits of the 86<sup>th</sup> class. Strive to add value to your career. Train and prepare yourselves to make a difference. There's a good chance that when you retire, you will do so with your head held high and a huge smile on your face... the same one you had on August 5, 2003.

## ***"This Is Control..." Fire Communication Center - BC Ed Simeona***

From January 1 to August 31, 2003, the HFD has responded to 20,124 incidents. The breakdown is listed below:

<b>Fires:</b>	<b>2,236</b>
<b>Medical &amp; Rescue:</b>	<b>11,337</b>
<b>Hazmat:</b>	<b>1,208</b>
<b>Service Calls:</b>	<b>791</b>
<b>Good Intent:</b>	<b>3,606</b>
<b>False Calls:</b>	<b>935</b>
<b>Others:</b>	<b>11</b>

During the 4th of July weekend, the **fireworks** related incidents are as follows:

### **July 3**

- 13 brush fires
- 5 rubbish fires

### **July 4**

- 2 structure fires  
(resulting in \$8,000 loss)
- 37 brush fires
- 10 rubbish fires
- 1 vehicle fire
- 1 civilian injury

### **July 5**

- 6 brush fires
- 2 rubbish fires

The 3-day total was 388 with 76 of the alarms being attributed to fireworks.

### **Automatic Vehicle Locator**

Phase I of the AVL installation has been completed. Last minute punch list items are being resolved at this time. Phase II equipment purchase is in process. New policy and user manuals are being reviewed by the Executive Committee. "Go Live" timeline is now about 2-3 months. Stay tuned...



# FIRE PREVENTION - BC LLOYD ROGERS

DON'T STALL - CALL 911

## Fire Safety in Your Castle

**F**ire loss statistics provide us with good news and bad. The good news is that the number of fires nationwide continues to decline over the last 20 years. Fires have decreased by approximately 36% and civilian deaths caused by fire decreased by approximately 53%. The bad news is during 1999, 3,570 civilians died in fires in the United States and 81% of those died in a home. 71% of all structures fires occurred in homes.

Newer building codes require hard-wired smoke detectors on each level of the home, outside every sleeping area, and in each sleeping room. Newer codes also require that detectors be interconnected, so that if one activates, all the detectors in the residence sound. Smoke detectors need to be tested by using smoke, a listed aerosol

that's been approved by the alarm manufacturer, or any other manufacturer-approved method that ensures smoke entry into the sensing chamber.

From 1994 thru 1998, half of all U.S. home fire deaths resulted from fires that occurred between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. Fires in which a smoke detector was present and operated caused only one-fifth of home fire deaths. Together, these statistics reveal that our chances of dying in a fire increase during the time we are most vulnerable and that smoke detectors save lives.

The primary means of escape from a one- or two-family dwelling may be a door, stairway, or ramp that provides an unobstructed path of travel out of the dwelling to grade level. The secondary means of escape may also be a door or window that opens directly to the outside. The City and County of Honolulu's (City)



Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) requires a permit to install security bars over windows or other openings from a dwelling unit. The security bars must be able to open from the inside without the use of a key or any special knowledge. Persons have become trapped within their own rooms during a fire, where the only method of escape was through a barred window.

Residential fire sprinklers are another proven fire safety measure that saves lives and property. However, it is not a requirement in one- and two-family dwellings. Another vital element in home fire safety is education. Who will tell the weekend mechanic that using flammable liquids to clean parts

in a garage next to a gas water heater may result in an explosion and fire? Who will tell parents about preventing the availability of matches and lighters to children, or that a lit stove should never be left unattended? Who will inform homeowners on the proper method of discarding smoking materials, or using safe electrical practices? As fire professionals, we are the ones that can educate people to change behaviors and prevent needless fire deaths and property losses. Through each of our efforts, we can promote fire safety for our families and to the people in the communities where we live and work.

Information and statistics for this article were obtained from the July/August 2003 edition of the NFPA Journal and the City's DPP.

## Learning Opportunity + New Friends + Free Travel = National Fire Academy

By Battalion Chief Manuel P. Neves, Battalion 5, 3rd Platoon

Do you want to get some advanced fire service training, make lifelong friends, and also get a chance to visit interesting places? What if I say you can get all of this at no cost to you?

I first attended the National Fire Academy (NFA) in 1990 and have returned every year since. From courses on executive development to hazardous materials, from university degrees to the use of the latest in simulation/computer graphics, from a heated indoor swimming pool to full-service workout facilities, the NFA has it all. The campus is set on 107 beautifully landscaped acres in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

Applicants must meet the specific selection criteria for each course but the NFA makes every effort to assure equitable representation in its student body. The

networking opportunities are endless.

There are currently 45 on-campus courses being offered with the premier curriculum being the Executive Fire Officer Program (EFOP). This program is a four-year commitment and the completion of four Applied Research Projects that relate specifically to your organization. The EFOP is designed to provide senior officers and others in key leadership roles with tools that emphasize leadership development. At this writing, Chief Leonardi, Chief Tomita, and myself are graduates with several other Chief Officers and Fire Captains enrolled.

The classes are usually two weeks in duration with an in between "free weekend," which affords an opportunity for touring with your newfound friends. The surrounding area include the battlefields of

Gettysburg, the museums and historic buildings of Washington D.C., Baltimore's Inner Harbor, Philadelphia's Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell, the boardwalk of Atlantic City, the Naval Academy at Annapolis, and much more.

The Department allows you to attend on-duty and covers your meals, while the Federal government provides the lodging, airfare, and ground transportation. As you can see, all you have to do is want to engage in quality learning, have a desire to meet new and interesting people, and visit exotic places - free of charge! Refer to your Battalion's copy of the NFA Catalog of Activities or visit <http://www.usfa.fema.gov/fire-service/nfa/nfa.shtm> for more information.

Good luck and see you in Emmitsburg!



# “At Scene, In Command”

by Jerry Spencer - Captain E1/1

**HAN:** Chief Clark, do you have a middle name?

**Chief Clark:** Yes, I have two but I don't use them officially. I just use John Clark. My middle initials are R. K. The R is for Ralph and the K is for Kukeakalani. Both names are the names of my grandfathers. Ralph is from my mother's side, she's a native Californian, and Kukeakalani is from my father's side, he was native Hawaiian.

**HAN:** Where did you grow up?

**Chief Clark:** I was born in Kapiolani Hospital and raised here on the island of Oahu. I grew up in Honolulu, started pre-K at Central Union, kindergarten at St. Patrick's in Kaimuki, and then went to first grade through sixth at Jefferson Elementary, which is right across the street from Station 7, Waikiki. I went to middle school, as they call it nowadays, at Washington Intermediate, for seventh and eighth grade. For ninth and tenth grade, I went to St. Louis High School. And eleventh and twelfth grade I went to Punahou. So, I am actually a graduate of Punahou School, 1964. After that I'm a product of the University of Hawaii system. I have an AS degree in Fire Science, a BA degree in Hawaiian Studies, a Graduate Certificate in Public Administration, and a Master's Degree in Public Administration.

**HAN:** So, you did the Waikiki Beach thing when you were a kid?

**Chief Clark:** Yeah, I started surfing at eight years old and I learned (to surf) at Canoes in Waikiki.

**HAN:** Did you serve in the military?

**Chief Clark:** Yes, I was drafted and spent two years in the Army from 1968 to 1970. It was the middle of the Vietnam War, but I ended up in West Germany. When I got out and came back to Hawaii, I got a job with the City and County as a lifeguard. That was from 1970 to 1972. I took the test for HFD and came into the department in 1972.

**HAN:** What made you decide to apply for the Fire Department?



**Chief Clark:** There were two people who were responsible. I was living with retired Rescue Captain Aaron Young and he had taken the test for HFD. He got hired and told me I should take the next test. So he put the idea in my mind. One of the stations I worked as a lifeguard was The Wall in Waikiki. Joseph Kukea, a retired Fire Captain (he was Kala Kukea's dad), used to come down to The Wall to swim and he talked to me about HFD. So, I was hearing it at home from Aaron and from Joe at the beach. Between the two of them, I took the test and came in.

**HAN:** Chief Leonardi had a similar experience with retired Battalion Chief Paul Gerard.

**Chief Clark:** It's interesting that for some people they know as children what they want to do. Being a Fire Fighter was the furthest from my mind. It was kind of happen-stance that I took the job.

**HAN:** Did you play sports in school?

**Chief Clark:** When I was at St. Louis, they tried to recruit me for football but I was a confirmed surfer and stayed with surfing. At Punahou I joined the swim team and played water polo. During high school, I was also surfing and competing in local surf contests at Makaha and on the North Shore.

**HAN:** In your career with Honolulu Fire Department, what was your most memorable event?

**Chief Clark:** There have been two memorable events. One of them was a high-rise rescue in downtown Honolulu. I was a Captain on Engine One. It happened in the middle of the day, we got called for a high-rise fire on Queen St. When we got there we looked up and saw the unit on fire and there was an elderly lady who was straddling her window ledge. She had been trapped by the fire in her unit. She went into the bedroom, shut the door to get away from the heat and flames, opened the window, and was just sitting on the ledge. So, between my crew, Engine One, and Ladder Four, who was commanded by then - Captain Clinton Wong (currently Battalion Chief Clinton Wong), we rescued her. What was interesting is that that incident got national coverage, and in the years that followed, we have probably done about nine national TV shows. Camera crews have come here, we've been interviewed, and they've shown the footage of that fire. So, we've been able to revisit the victim, Mildred McCarter, at least nine times. It's been a very unique experience.

**Chief Clark:** There was one other incident, a shooting at a nightclub near Tamashiro Market. Three men were shot in the chest with a handgun and a fourth male was injured by a gunshot. The gunman had gone to the nightclub and found the two men that he wanted to shoot and shot them both in the chest. The fourth male jumped the gunman, took the gun away, shot the gunman, and in the struggle, was shot and wounded himself. When we rolled up there were at least 200 people. People from the nightclub and the neighborhood, they were all surrounding the victims. So, it was a very intense scene. We came rolling up into the middle of this.

**HAN:** Were you there before the police?

**Chief Clark:** Ladder Four had just arrived, the police had just arrived, EMS had gotten there just before us. We all arrived at about the same time.

**HAN:** So, there was no crowd control yet?



**At Scene, In Command**

—continued

**Chief Clark:** No, and that whole crowd was angry and pressing in on all of us.

**HAN:** If there were a legacy that you would like to leave this Department when you retire, what would that be?

**Chief Clark:** When Chief Leonardi and I came on board in 1998, and for the past five years, he and I have worked together to professionalize the Department – to bring us up to national standards – and I think that's going to be the legacy of his leadership for the HFD. And I think I have been a major player in that legacy.

**Chief Clark:** The things we're proud of – that I'm proud of – are accreditation. We are a nationally accredited fire department. We've elevated ourselves from first responders to EMT-B, and we're coming along with a certification program. We are going to get all of our fire fighters certified. Our fire fighters will meet national standards. We have implemented the CPAT, elevating the testing of our incoming fire fighter recruits. So, these are some of the major

platforms in that legacy that Chief Leonardi and I, as his Deputy, will leave to the Honolulu Fire Department.

**Chief Clark:** I might add one more thing. Part of our legacy is that Chief Leonardi and I have this sense of history. We have pride in our Department from a historical standpoint and in the fact that we were established back in 1851. So, part of the legacy for us was to refocus the Department on that tradition – that long standing tradition we have in this community. The 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary was a big occasion for us. It's helped to bring the Department together and re-establish who we are, where we've been, what we're doing now, and where we are going.

**HAN:** Last question. What would be the most important message you would like to convey to the fire fighters of this Department?

**Chief Clark:** When most fire fighters first come in, they are happy just to have a job and a steady paycheck, and have days off when they can earn more money or just do what they want to do. They're just looking at all the basics the job is giving them. But what I think everyone in the Department needs to do is to look at what we're doing and understand exactly where

we are taking the Department. They have to understand all of these legacy items that we've just identified, why we're putting them in place, and what we're trying to do.

**Chief Clark:** We are trying to make the HFD the best Department we can make it. We're trying to professionalize it as much as we can. We're trying to get everyone to meet national standards. So, I think that it is really important that everyone in the Department understands that – and sees where we're pointing the Honolulu Fire Department.

**Chief Clark:** In conjunction with that, one of the most important things is education. The young fire fighters have to make an attempt to educate themselves. Go to the National Fire Academy, take the outreach courses that are here – anything they can do to get another degree – to better themselves. Do it all, take it all, build your resume. It's going to take you farther in this Department – it's going to enhance your career. So, that's my recommendation. Understand what we're doing and that education is a constant process – it never stops for any of us – and keep those two ideas running parallel through your whole career.

**End of interview.**



## EMPLOYEE AWARDS



Battalion Chief Manuel P. Neves, Battalion 5/3, and Administrative Services Officer Dean J. Matsukawa were named the Honolulu Fire Department's Managers of the Year. Fire Fighter III Charles W. Griep of the Training Bureau was named the Department's Employee of the Year. Dean Matsukawa is also one of four finalists for the City's Manager of the Year award.

The 200 Club will be honoring these employees at their annual awards luncheon on October 30, 2003, at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel's Monarch Room. **CONGRATULATIONS!**



NEVES



MATSUKAWA



GRIEP



## LAST ALARM



### Fire Captain Daniel C. K. Lum June 30, 2003

Appointed October 16, 1964 - 30 yrs.  
Last Assignment - Engine 6

### Fire Captain Michael H. Thomas August 30, 2003

Appointed February 16, 1969 - 25 yrs.  
Last Assignment - Engine 21

### Fire Captain Ernest S. N. Lau September 30, 2003

Appointed December 5, 1949-26 yrs.  
Last Assignment - Engine 28

### Fire Captain George H. Crowder August 27, 2003

Appointed October 1, 1957 - 25 yrs.  
Last Assignment - Engine 17

### Fire Captain Charles D. Carvalho September 20, 2003

Appointed January 11, 1942 - 31 yrs.  
Last Assignment - Engine 25





**ANNIVERSARIES****JULY TO  
SEPTEMBER****30 YEARS**

Alfred N. Akau  
Glenn K. Solem

**15 YEARS**

Curtis S. Aiwohi  
Brian K. Carvalho  
Tyler E. Chan  
Randall I. Chang  
Carole Y. Fukuda  
Brendalyn P. Hankins  
Robert J. Hoopii Jr.  
Robyn N. Ishihara  
Douglas S. Latham  
Kyle K. S. Lee  
Tracy A. Lenchanko  
Robert J. Main  
Wayne K. Morita  
Bert I. Nakamura  
Howard K. Naone  
Radford K. Park  
Rodney Shapiro  
Jason C. Takara  
Hazlett T. Weatherwax

**10 YEARS**

W. Maili Simmons

**5 YEARS**

Nestor Tumacder

**PROMOTIONS**

Congratulations to the following personnel who were promoted during the 1st quarter:

**BATTALION CHIEF**

**July 16, 2003**

Scott R. K. Lawton

**FIRE CAPTAIN**

**October 3, 2003**

Carl H. Chagami  
Rankin K. Kaanoi  
Paul M. Kahele  
Paul T. Kato  
Joseph H. Kemmler Jr.  
Anthony K. Lee  
Dwayne E. K. Lee  
Robert R. Libed  
Walter H. Rosehill  
Timothy C. Turgeon  
Matthew B. Zane

**CIVILIAN CORNER****MAILI SIMMONS**

SECRETARY  
FIRE OPERATIONS

Maili Simmons, newly promoted Secretary III for Fire Operations, has been with the HFD for 10 years. When talking with her, you just can't help but hear the pride and joy in



her voice as she speaks of her family. Happily married ("extremely!") to her husband, Chris, for 23 years, they have two wonderful sons, Patrick and Owen, who are "her everything!" She loves being with her family and is very appreciative of her parents. You can usually find her outdoors either at a baseball or volleyball game, surfing, or just picnicking.

Maili's been working with government agencies for 17 years and thinks of Fire Operations as her home. She is responsible for processing anything and everything that is generated from all fire stations to administration. As busy as she is, she always takes the time to meet new field personnel and to say "hello" to old friends. Her memory is "phenomenal" as she always remembers people, places, and incidents.

Maili wanted to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support and encouragement through the years. She especially wanted to thank Charles Wassman for believing in and promoting her, Gordon Mahiko for his honesty, Hardy Akau for his support, Jacob Kaleikini for supporting her and her family, and Paul Loughran for being a friend. If she were to name them all, there would be no room left in this column! So, she said, "You know who you are!"

**R E T I R E M E N T S****Claudney C. Iona - Fire Captain**

June 2, 1975 - June 30, 2003

**Gary H. Yamashita - Fire Captain**

January 16, 1974 - June 30, 2003

**Gary S. Lai - Fire Captain**

July 26, 1976 - July 31, 2003

**Peter K. Neifert - FF II**

January 16, 1974 - July 31, 2003

**Byron K. Akiona - Fire Captain**

November 16, 1972 - August 31, 2003

**Richard L. Faria - Fire Captain**

November 18, 1974 - August 31, 2003

**Frederick M. Mattson - Fire Captain**

August 20, 1973 - August 31, 2003

**Apolinario Ilagan - Fire Captain**

October 1, 1971 - September 30, 2003

**Robert C. Ludwick - Fire Captain**

July 18, 1974 - September 30, 2003

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